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Docket No. 17327CIP(HL)  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900 PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Pacifici et al

Serial No. 09/552,823

Filed: April 20, 2000

For: USE OF RETINOID RECEPTOR  
ANTAGONISTS OR AGONISTS IN THE  
TREATMENT OF CARTILAGE AND BONE  
PATHOLOGIES

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Fay, Z.

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attention: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2001. Applicants have carefully read the Office Action and have the following comments:

**AMENDMENT**

In the claims:

✓  
Kindly cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to their later presentation in this or a continuation or divisional application.

Kindly amend the following claim to read as follows: